

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A control apparatus, comprising:  
receiving means for receiving a remote control  
signal transmitted from a remote controller;  
5 judgment means for judging an external equipment  
corresponding to the remote control signal; and  
transmitting means for transmitting control data  
corresponding to the remote control signal to the  
external equipment judged.

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2. A control apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein said transmitting means is a digital interface  
based on the IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

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3. A control apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein said control apparatus is a digital video  
recorder.

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4. A control apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein said control apparatus is a TV monitor.

5. A control apparatus, comprising:

selection means for selecting an external  
equipment;  
25 receiving means for receiving a remote control  
signal transmitted from a remote controller; and  
transmitting means for transmitting control data

corresponding to the remote control signal to the external equipment selected.

6. A control apparatus according to claim 5,  
5 wherein said transmitting means is a digital interface  
based on the IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

7. A control apparatus according to claim 5,  
wherein said control apparatus is a digital video  
10 recorder.

8. A control apparatus according to claim 5,  
wherein said control apparatus is a TV monitor.

15 9. A control method, comprising the steps of:  
receiving a remote control signal transmitted from  
a remote control controller;  
judging an external equipment corresponding to the  
remote control signal; and  
20 transmitting control data corresponding to the  
remote control signal to the external equipment judged.

25 10. A control method according to claim 9, wherein  
the control data are transmitted to the external  
equipment through a digital interface based on the IEEE  
1394-1995 standard.

11. A control method according to claim 9, wherein said control method is to control the operation of a digital video recorder.

5 12. A control method according to claim 9, wherein said control method is to control the operation of a TV monitor.

10 13. A control method, comprising the steps of:  
selecting an external equipment;  
receiving a remote control signal transmitted from  
a remote controller; and  
transmitting control data corresponding to the  
remote control signal to the external equipment  
15 selected.

20 14. A control method according to claim 13,  
wherein the control data are transmitted to the  
external equipment through a digital interface based on  
the IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

25 15. A control method according to claim 13,  
wherein said control method is to control the operation  
of a digital video recorder.

16. A control method according to claim 13,  
wherein said control method is to control the operation  
of a TV monitor.